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	OF VALVE SEATS, AND VALVE)

Atty. Docket No.: 1541 0007US

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR A REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF A PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**

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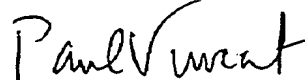
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Transmitted herewith is a request for reconsideration of a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. Please note the following crossed items:

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- () A copy of the Notice of Missing Requirements is enclosed with Petition under 37 CFR 1.181.
- () A true translation of the application.
- (X) 2 Declarations enclosed.
- (X) Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) enclosed.
- () Preliminary amendment enclosed.
- () Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1030 in the amount of \$ for the late Declaration.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-1030.
- (X) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- () Return Postcard Receipt

Respectfully submitted



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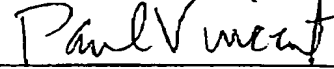
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF A DISMISSED PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

This is a request for reconsideration on a decision dismissing a previous petition to withdraw a holding of abandonment based on non-receipt of an Office Action in the subject patent application. The petition was dismissed since counsel failed to explain how the docking system worked and to show that it is sufficiently reliable to ensure that all deadlines are met including substantiation in the form of corroborating evidence. The previously submitted declaration was also found non-compliant with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) since the declaration contained four pages having two page 3's, one page having three signatures and one page four. It was therefore not clear to what extent the signing parties were aware of the complete listing of all inventors at the time of signature.

In response thereto, the Applicant submits a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) for unintentional abandonment. The petition includes the required fee. Authorization was previously given for the \$ 130 fee in response to the notice of missing requirements. Moreover, a proper declaration accompanies this petition. In particular, two declarations were originally signed. The first declaration was signed by three of the four inventors. The second declaration was a copy of the first declaration, including the last page previously signed by three inventors, and was signed by the fourth inventor. Therefore, two complete declarations are now provided thereby satisfying the conditions of 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). The Applicant therefore requests withdrawal of abandonment and restoration of this application to active of status.

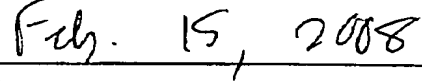
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Enclosures:

Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (two pages)

Two declarations (six pages)

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Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b).

The above-identified application became abandoned because of failure to respond to a Notification of Missing Requirements by November 14, 2006.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

1. The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(m) of \$ 1540 is hereby authorized to be charged against Deposit Account Number 50-1030.
2. The proper reply in the form of payment of the fee for the late Declaration has been previously authorized. A proper Declaration is submitted along with this Petition.
3. Since this application has a filing date on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

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Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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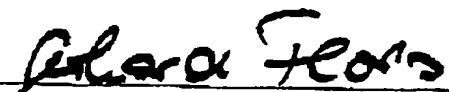
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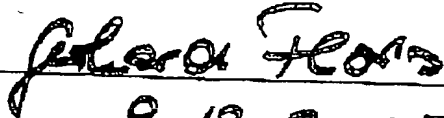
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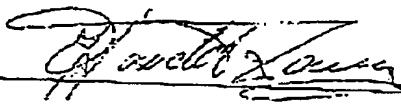
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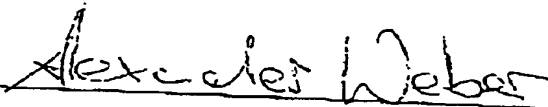
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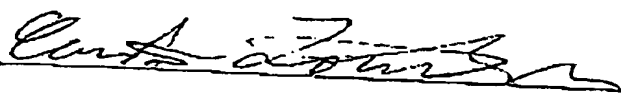
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